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JUNE RETAIL SALES SURVEY RESULTS RELEASED

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THE VALUE OF RETAIL SALES IN JUNE 1985, ESTIMATED AT $5 177 MILLION, WAS THREE PER CENT LOWER THAN IN JUNE 1984, WHILE THEIR VOLUME WAS FOUR PER CENT LOWER, ACCORDING TO THE PROVISIONAL SURVEY RESULTS RELEASED TODAY BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

RETAIL SALES FELL BY ONE PER CENT IN VALUE AND TWO PER CENT IN VOLUME IN THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1985 WHEN COMPARED WITH THE SAME QUARTER IN 1984.

COMPARING JUNE 1985 WITH MAY 1985, AND BEARING IN MIND THAT THIS COMPARISON IS AFFECTED BY SEASONAL FACTORS, RETAIL SALES DECREASED BY SEVEN PER CENT IN BOTH VALUE AND VOLUME TERMS.

WHEN COMPARED WITH JUNE 1984, RETAIL SALES OF CLOTHING, FOOTWEAR AND ALLIED PRODUCTS INCREASED BY SEVEN PER CENT IN VALUE BUT DECREASED BY ONE PER CENT IN VOLUME. FUELS, WHICH SHOWED NO CHANGE IN SALES VALUE, RECORDED A SLIGHT INCREASE OF ONE PER CENT IN SALES VOLUME.

RETAIL SALES OF FOODSTUFFS, ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AND TOBACCO DROPPED BY ONE PER CENT IN VALUE BUT REMAINED UNCHANGED IN VOLUME. RETAIL SALES OF CONSUMER DURABLES DECREASED BY SEVEN PER CENT IN VALUE AND EIGHT PER CENT IN VOLUME, WHILE THOSE OF +OTHER CONSUMER GOODS+ FELL BY SIX PER CENT IN BOTH VALUE AND VOLUME TERMS.

COMPARING THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1985 WITH THE SAME QUARTER IN 1984, RETAIL SALES OF CLOTHING, FOOTWEAR AND ALLIED PRODUCTS SHOWED AN INCREASE OF SEVEN PER CENT IN VALUE TERMS BUT A DECREASE OF TWO PER CENT IN VOLUME.

FOODSTUFFS, ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AND TOBACCO RECORDED AN INCREASE OF ONE PER CENT IN SALES VALUE AND TWO PER CENT IN VOLUME. FUELS SHOWED AN INCREASE OF ONE PER CENT IN BOTH SALES VALUE AND VOLUME.

RETAIL SALES OF CONSUMER DURABLES DECREASED BY TWO PER CENT IN VALUE AND FOUR PER CENT IN VOLUME, WHILE THOSE OF +OTHER CONSUMER GOODS+ DROPPED BY THREE PER CENT IN VALUE AND FOUR PER CENT IN VOLUME.

WHEN COMPARED WITH MAY 1985, RETAIL SALES OF CLOTHING, FOOTWEAR AND ALLIED PRODUCTS RECORDED THE LARGEST DECREASE OF 15 PER CENT IN VALUE AND 16 PER CENT IN VOLUME. CONSUMER DURABLES AND +OTHER CONSUMER GOODS+ ALSO SHOWED DECREASES OF 11 PER CENT AND EIGHT PER CENT RESPECTIVELY IN BOTH SALES VALUE AND VOLUME.

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FUELS SHOWED A DECREASE OF FOUR PER CENT IN SALES VALUE AND THREE PER CENT IN SALES VOLUME. FOODSTUFFS, ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AND TOBACCO, WHICH SHOWED NO CHANGE IN SALES VALUE, RECORDED A SLIGHT DECREASE OF ONE PER CENT IN SALES VOLUME.

ANALYSED BY SELECTED TRADES, RETAIL SALES OF MOTOR VEHICLES ROSE SUBSTANTIALLY IN BOTH VALUE AND VOLUME TERMS WHEN COMPARED WITH JUNE 1984. DEPARTMENT STORES AND SUPERMARKETS INCREASED MODERATELY IN BOTH SALES VALUE AND VOLUME. HOWEVER, RETAIL SALES OF CONSUMER DURABLES OTHER THAN MOTOR VEHICLES DROPPED IN BOTH VALUE AND VOLUME TERMS.

COMPARING THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1985 WITH THE SAME QUARTER IN 1984, RETAIL SALES OF MOTOR VEHICLES ROSE CONSIDERABLY IN BOTH VALUE AND VOLUME TERMS. SUPERMARKETS SHOWED MODERATE INCREASES IN BOTH SALES VALUE AND VOLUME.

RETAIL SALES OF DEPARTMENT STORES ROSE SLIGHTLY IN VALUE BUT REMAINED UNCHANGED IN VOLUME. ON THE OTHER HAND, CONSUMER DURABLES OTHER THAN MOTOR VEHICLES DECREASED MODERATELY IN BOTH SALES VALUE AND VOLUME.

WHEN COMPARED WITH MAY 1985, RETAIL SALES OF SUPERMARKETS ROSE SLIGHTLY IN BOTH VALUE AND VOLUME TERMS. ON THE OTHER HAND, MOTOR VEHICLES, CONSUMER DURABLES OTHER THAN MOTOR VEHICLES AND DEPARTMENT STORES, ALL RECORDED DECREASES IN BOTH SALES VALUE AND VOLUME.

TABLE 1 PRESENTS THE REVISED TOTAL SALES FIGURE FOR MAY 1985 AND THE PROVISIONAL FIGURE FOR JUNE 1985.

TABLE 2 SHOWS THE VALUE AND VOLUME INDEXES OF RETAIL SALES BY MAJOR TRADE GROUPS AND SELECTED TRADES (WHICH FORM PART OF THE RELEVANT MAJOR TRADE GROUPS), WITH AVERAGE MONTHLY RETAIL SALES IN 1980 TAKEN AS 100.

COMPARISONS OF JUNE 1985 RESULTS WITH THOSE OF MAY 1985 AND JUNE 1984 AND COMPARISONS OF RETAIL SALES IN THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1985 WITH THE SAME QUARTER IN 1984 ARE ALSO GIVEN.

GRAPHS 1 AND 2 DEPICT THE INDEX MOVEMENTS OF TOTAL RETAIL SALES FROM JANUARY 1983 TO MAY 1985.

THE REPORT CONTAINING THE ANALYSIS OF THE JUNE 1985 SURVEY RESULTS IS NOW ON SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GENERAL POST OFFICE, CONNAUGHT PLACE, AT $1 PER COPY.

ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE SURVEY RESULTS MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE STATISTICS SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT (TEL. NO. : 3-7216024).

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TABLE 1 : TOTAL RETAIL SALES

Total Retail Sales for June 1985 (Provisional Figure) = HK$5 177 million
for May 1985 (Revised Figure) = HK$5 577 million

TABLE 2 : VALUE AND VOLUME INDEXES OF RETAIL SALES FOR MAY AND JUNE 1985

(Monthly average of 1980 = 100)

Item	Index of Retail Sales	May 1985 (Revised figures)	June 1985 (Provisional figures)	June 1985 compared with May 1985 Points	%	June 1985 compared with June 1984 Points	%	April - June 1985 compared with April - June 1984 Points	%
(A) FOR ALL RETAIL TRADES									
	Value	164	152	- 12	- 7	- 6	- 3	- 1	- 1
	Volume	113	105	- 8	- 7	- 4	- 4	- 2	- 2
(B) BY MAJOR TRADE GROUPS									
Foodstuffs, alcoholic drinks and tobacco	Value	175	174	*	*	- 2	- 1	+ 2	+ 1
	Volume	114	112	- 1	- 1	*	*	+ 2	+ 2
Fuels	Value	199	191	- 8	- 4	*	*	+ 2	+ 1
	Volume	127	123	- 4	- 3	+ 1	+ 1	+ 2	+ 1
Clothing, footwear and allied products	Value	202	171	- 31	- 15	+ 11	+ 7	+ 12	+ 7
	Volume	124	104	- 19	- 16	- 1	- 1	- 2	- 2
Consumer durables	Value	165	147	- 18	- 11	- 11	- 7	- 3	- 2
	Volume	121	108	- 13	- 11	- 10	- 8	- 4	- 4
Other consumer goods	Value	147	136	- 12	- 8	- 8	- 6	- 5	- 3
	Volume	105	97	- 8	- 8	- 6	- 6	- 4	- 4
(C) BY SELECTED TRADES									
Supermarkets	Value	329	341	+ 12	+ 3	+ 14	+ 4	+ 24	+ 8
	Volume	198	205	+ 7	+ 4	+ 6	+ 3	+ 11	+ 6
Motor vehicles	Value	101	84	- 17	- 17	+ 16	+ 24	+ 24	+ 36
	Volume	60	49	- 10	- 17	+ 8	+ 20	+ 13	+ 31
Consumer durables other than motor vehicles	Value	209	190	- 19	- 9	- 30	- 14	- 22	- 10
	Volume	163	149	- 15	- 9	- 22	- 13	- 16	- 10
Department stores	Value	146	141	- 4	- 3	+ 6	+ 5	+ 1	+ 1
	Volume	103	101	- 3	- 3	+ 5	+ 5	*	*

Notes : 1. "Foodstuffs, alcoholic drinks and tobacco" includes "supermarkets".
2. "Consumer durables" includes "motor vehicles".
3. "Other consumer goods" includes "department stores".
4. Figures denoting changes are derived from the unrounded index figures.
5. * denotes no change.

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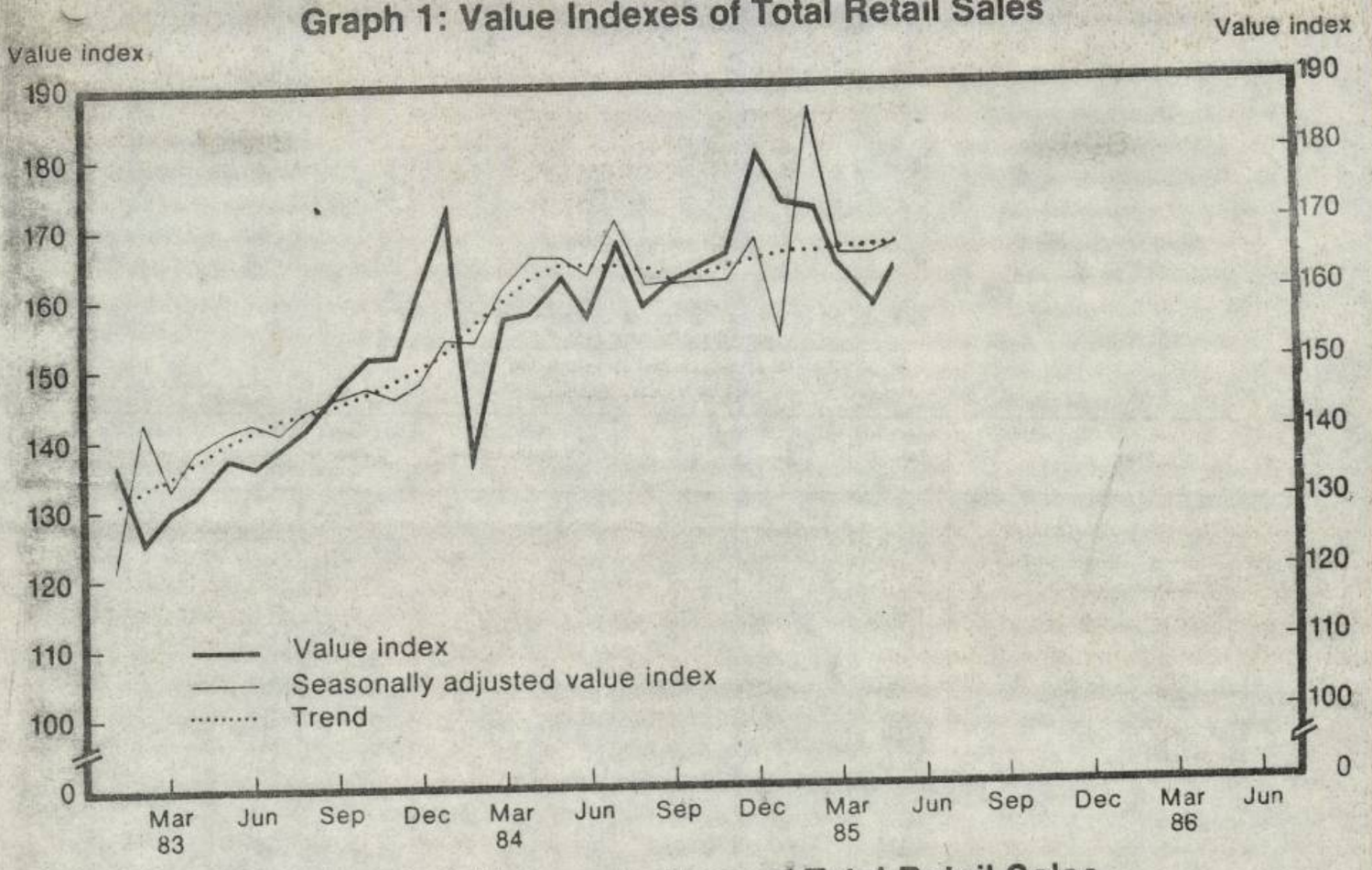
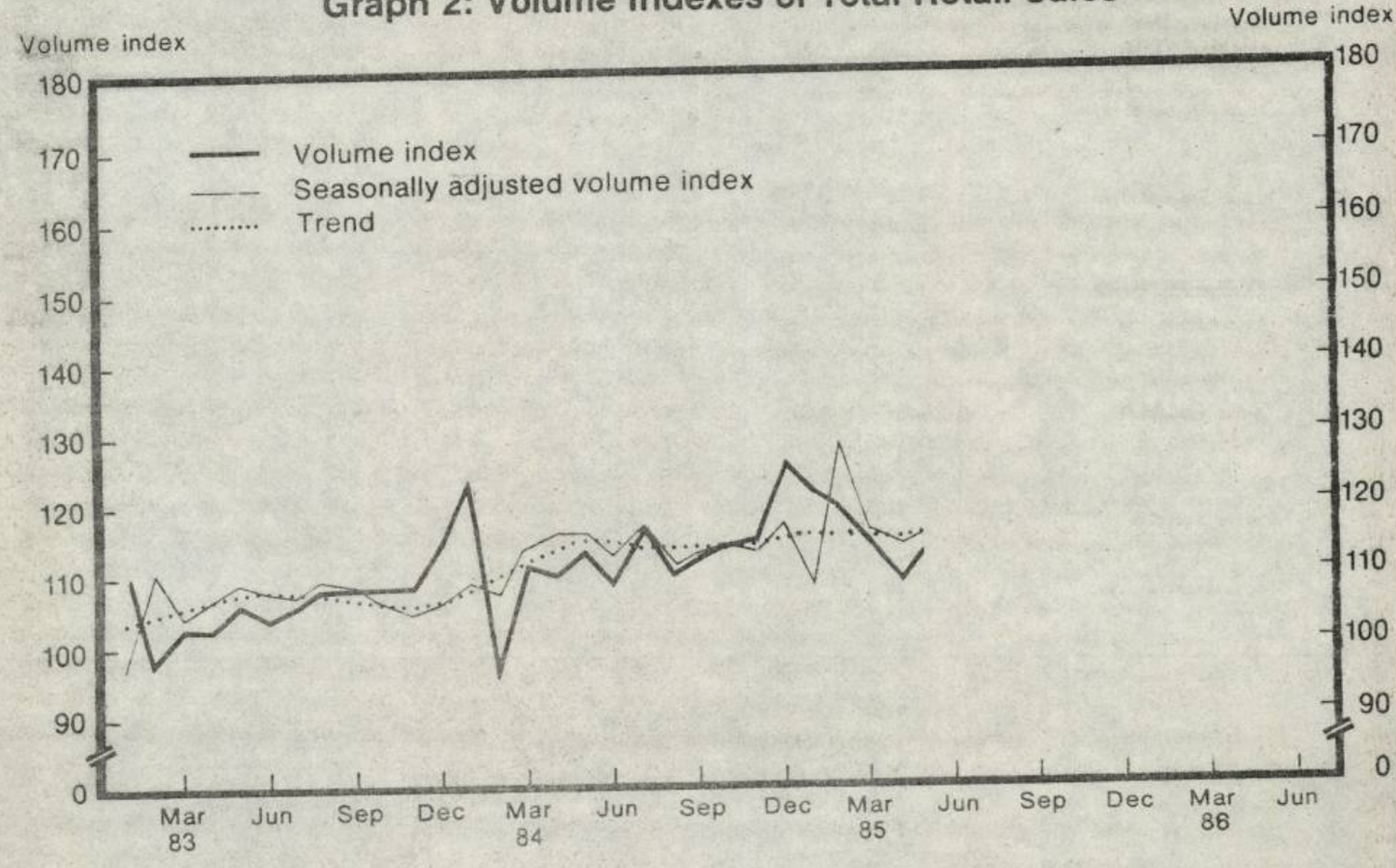
Graph 1: Value Indexes of Total Retail Sales



Graph 2: Volume Indexes of Total Retail Sales



Notes: (1) Monthy average of 1980 = 100.
(2) The seasonally adjusted value and volume indexes and Henderson trends are compiled using theX-11 variant seasonal adjustment program of the U.S. Bureau of the Census.

FORUMS FOR LEGCO CANDIDATES

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CANDIDATES STANDING FOR ELECTIONS TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL IN THE NEW TERRITORIES SOUTH ELECTORAL COLLEGE WILL HOLD A FORUM AT THE SHERATON HOTEL IN TSIM SHA TSUI TOMORROW (MONDAY).

MEMBERS OF THE DISTRICT BOARDS THAT MAKE UP THE CONSTITUENCY -- TSUEN WAN, KWAI CHUNG AND TSING YI, SAI KUNG AND ISLANDS -- WILL ATTEND THE FORUM AT 2.30 PM TO QUESTION CANDIDATES ABOUT THEIR ELECTORAL PLATFORMS.

THE THREE CANDIDATES FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES SOUTH CONSTITUENCY ARE DR LAI SUNG-LUNG OF TSUEN WAN, MR HO TUNG-CHING FROM KWAI CHUNG AND TSING YI, AND MR LAM WAI-KEUNG OF ISLANDS DISTRICT.

MEANWHILE, FORUMS WILL ALSO BE HELD IN OTHER CONSTITUENCIES FOR CANDIDATES TO PRESENT THEIR PLATFORMS TO ELECTORS.

THE FOLLOWING IS A LIST OF THE FORUMS SCHEDULED FOR THE COMING WEEK WITH THE NAMES OF CANDIDATES, THE CONSTITUENCIES, DATES, TIME AND VENUES.

CONSTITUENCY	CANDIDATES	DATE/TIME	VENUE
SOUTH KOWLOON (MONG KOK AND YAU MA TEI)	CHAN CHAI-KEUNG CHAN LAI-SANG IP KWOK-CHUNG ENA CHAN	SEPTEMBER 4 (WEDNESDAY) 7.30 PM	HENRY G. LEONG COMMUNITY CENTRE, 60 PUBLIC SQUARE STREET, YAU MA TEI.
KWUN TONG	POON CHI-FAI CHENG KWAN-SUEN LI WAH-MING	SEPTEMBER 8 (SUNDAY) 3 PM	YUET WAH STREET PLAYGROUND, YUET WAH STREET, KWUN TONG.
KOWLOON CITY	PAO PING-WING PETER CHAN CHI-KWAN DR DANIEL TSE CHI-WAI	SEPTEMBER 8 (SUNDAY) 10 AM	OI MAN CONCOURSE, OI MAN ESTATE, HO MAN TIN.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE WELCOME TO COVER THE FORUMS.

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VOTERS PUBLICITY BUS TOURS DISTRICT

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KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT OFFICER, MR GORDON JONES, TODAY (SUNDAY) URGED RESIDENTS TO REGISTER AS VOTERS SO THAT THEY WILL BE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE IN THE URBAN COUNCIL ELECTIONS NEXT MARCH AS WELL AS THE DISTRICT BOARD ELECTIONS IN 1988.

+ANYONE WHO HAS REACHED OR WILL BE 21 YEARS OLD THIS YEAR AND HAVE LIVED IN HONG KONG FOR SEVEN YEARS SHOULD COMPLETE THE REGISTRATION PROCEDURES BEFORE THE END OF THIS MONTH,+ MR JONES SAID.

HE ALSO REMINDED REGISTERED VOTERS WHO HAVE RECENTLY CHANGED ADDRESS TO NOTIFY THE AUTHORITIES.

MR JONES AND HIS STAFF WERE ON BOARD AN ATTRACTIVELY DECORATED PUBLICITY BUS WHICH TOURED THE DISTRICT TODAY TO URGE PASSERS-BY TO REGISTER AS VOTERS.

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DB COMMITTEE MEETINGS OPEN TO PUBLIC

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THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT BOARD HAS DECIDED TO OPEN ITS COMMITTEE MEETINGS TO THE PUBLIC SO THAT RESIDENTS CAN HAVE A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE WORK OF THE BOARD.

EXCEPT FOR DISCUSSIONS ON CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS, THE COMMITTEE MEETINGS, WHICH ARE HELD EVERY TWO MONTHS, WILL BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.

THE FOLLOWING ARE VARIOUS COMMITTEES WHICH WILL HOLD THEIR MEETINGS AT THE TUEN MUN DB SECRETARIAT IN SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER:-

DATE	TIME	COMMITTEE
SEPTEMBER 5	2.30 PM	COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY COMMITTEE
SEPTEMBER 11	2.30 PM	CULTURE, RECREATION AND SPORTS COMMITTEE
SEPTEMBER 16	2.30 PM	ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE
SEPTEMBER 20	10 AM	FINANCE, ADMINISTRATION AND PUBLICITY COMMITTEE
OCTOBER 15	10 AM	TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WISHING TO ATTEND THE COMMITTEE MEETINGS SHOULD CONTACT THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT BOARD SECRETARIAT ON 0-843801 TO BOOK SEATS THREE DAYS IN ADVANCE.

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COMMONWEALTH SCHOLARSHIPS OFFERED

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A LIMITED NUMBER OF COMMONWEALTH SCHOLARSHIPS FOR POST-GRADUATE STUDY OR RESEARCH AT SEVEN COMMONWEALTH COUNTRIES ARE BEING OFFERED TO HONG KONG RESIDENTS FOR A PERIOD OF TWO ACADEMIC YEARS STARTING 1986 OR 1987.

THE SCHOLARSHIPS, UNDER THE COMMONWEALTH SCHOLARSHIP AND FELLOWSHIP PLAN, WILL BE AWARDED TO PROMISING LOCAL RESIDENTS WHO MAY BE EXPECTED TO MAKE A SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION TO LIFE IN HONG KONG ON THEIR RETURN FROM STUDY ABROAD.

OFFERING THE AWARDS ARE THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM, CANADA, AUSTRALIA, NEW ZEALAND, TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO, NIGERIA AND JAMAICA.

THE EMOLUMENTS WILL COVER APPROVED EXPENSES FOR TRAVEL, LIVING AND STUDY DURING THE TENURE OF THE SCHOLARSHIP.

CANDIDATES SHOULD BE HONG KONG CITIZEN AND BE GRADUATES OF RECOGNISED UNIVERSITIES OR HOLDERS OF EQUIVALENT QUALIFICATIONS. THEY SHOULD NOT BE MORE THAN 35 YEARS OF AGE WHEN THE SCHOLARSHIP COMMENCES AND SHOULD PREFERABLY BE LESS THAN 28 YEARS OF AGE.

CANDIDATES WHO ARE RECOMMENDED FOR THE AWARDS MUST SATISFY CERTAIN LANGUAGE, HEALTH AND IMMIGRATION REQUIREMENTS, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SAID.

APPLICATION FORMS AND OTHER DETAILS RELATING TO THE SCHOLARSHIPS ARE OBTAINABLE FROM THE OVERSEAS STUDENTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS SECTION OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AT ROOM 1522, LEIGHTON CENTRE, 15TH FLOOR, 77 LEIGHTON ROAD, CAUSEWAY BAY.

APPLICANTS SHOULD RETURN THEIR COMPLETED FORMS AND REQUIRED DOCUMENTS BEFORE OCTOBER 1.

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SPECIAL DRIVE TO IMPROVE FOOD DELIVERY

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THE REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT WILL LAUNCH A TWO-WEEK OPERATION TOMORROW (MONDAY) AGAINST UNHYGIENIC TRANSPORTATION AND HANDLING OF OPEN FOOD IN THE NON-URBAN AREAS.

THE OPERATION IS AIMED AT REMINDING FOOD OPERATORS OF THEIR RESPONSIBILITY TO TRANSPORT OR HANDLE FOOD HYGIENICALLY SO AS TO SAFEGUARD PUBLIC HEALTH, A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

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DURING THE OPERATION PERIOD, HEALTH INSPECTORS OF THE RSD WILL STEP UP INSPECTION VISITS TO ALL TRADES CONCERNED AND TAKE PROSECUTION ACTION IF NECESSARY.

FOOD MERCHANTS, TRANSPORT OPERATORS AND DELIVERY PERSONNEL ARE REQUIRED BY LAW TO ENSURE THAT ALL FOOD TO BE TRANSPORTED MUST BE HYGIENICALLY WRAPPED OR OTHERWISE PUT IN SUITABLE CONTAINERS.

THE LAW ALSO FORBIDS THE PLACING OF DRESSED CARCASS AND MEAT OR ROAST PRODUCTS ON THE FLOOR WITHOUT ADEQUATE PROTECTION FROM RISK OF CONTAMINATION.

+EXPOSURE OF FOOD DURING DELIVERY OR PLACING IT ON THE FLOOR CAN RESULT IN THE CONTAMINATION OF THE FOOD AND THE DETERIORATION OF THE FOOD QUALITY BECAUSE OF THE DUST AND VERMIN WHICH MAY HAVE BEEN ATTRACTED TO IT,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

UNDER THE PROVISION OF THE FOOD BUSINESS (NEW TERRITORIES) REGULATIONS, OFFENDERS ARE LIABLE TO A MAXIMUM FINE OF $2 000 AND IMPRISONMENT FOR THREE MONTHS.

MORE THAN 2 000 ADVISORY LETTERS HAVE BEEN SENT TO OPERATORS OF CONCERNED FOOD ESTABLISHMENTS IN THE NON-URBAN AREAS INFORMING THEM OF THE OPERATION AND ADVISING THEM NOT TO BREACH REGULATIONS.

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PRIMARY SCHOOL TO BE BUILT IN SHA TIN

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THE ARCHITECTURAL OFFICE OF THE BUILDING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR A PRIMARY SCHOOL TO BE BUILT AT CHIK FUK STREET, SHA TIN.

THE SCHOOL WILL HAVE 24 CLASSROOMS, THREE SPECIAL ROOMS, TWO STAFF ROOMS, TWO HEADMASTER ROOMS, OFFICES, AN ASSEMBLY HALL AND A COVERED PLAYGROUND.

OTHER FACILITIES INCLUDE A SINGLE-STOREY QUARTERS BUILDING FOR JUNIOR STAFF, A BASKETBALL COURT AND CAR PARKING SPACES.

WORK IS EXPECTED TO START IN NOVEMBER AND TAKE A YEAR TO COMPLETE.

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BEACH BUILDING AT HAP MUN BAY

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THE BUILDING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A BEACH BUILDING AT HAP MUN BAY, SAI KUNG.

THE PROJECT INVOLVES THE CONSTRUCTION OF A BEACH BUILDING WITH CHANGING AND SHOWER FACILITIES, AN OFFICE-CUM-FIRST-AID POST, TOILETS AND A REFRESHMENT KIOSK.

OTHER FACILITIES INCLUDE A LOOKOUT POST, A DEEP-BORE WELL, A WATER TANK AND A SIGNAL-FLAG POLE.

WORK IS EXPECTED TO START IN OCTOBER AND BE COMPLETED IN JULY NEXT YEAR.

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SWD DISTRICT OFFICE ON THE MOVE

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THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT'S CENTRAL AND WESTERN/ISLANDS DISTRICT OFFICE AND ITS VARIOUS UNITS WILL BE OPERATING FROM NEW PREMISES IN HARBOUR BUILDING STARTING TOMORROW (MONDAY).

THE UNITS INVOLVED INCLUDE THE YOUTH AND COMMUNITY OFFICES, SCHOOL SOCIAL WORK UNIT, SOCIAL SECURITY FIELD UNIT, FAMILY SERVICES CENTRE AND PROBATION OFFICE.

ALL THE UNITS WILL BE LOCATED ON THE FOURTH FLOOR OF THE BUILDING AT 38 PIER ROAD, HONG KONG.

THE TELEPHONE NUMBERS OF THE VARIOUS UNITS ARE:

OFFICE/UNIT	NEW TEL. NO.
CENTRAL AND WESTERN/ISLANDS DISTRICT OFFICE	5-8523115
YOUTH AND COMMUNITY OFFICE (CENTRAL AND WESTERN)	5-8523113
YOUTH AND COMMUNITY OFFICE (ISLANDS)	5-8523112
SCHOOL SOCIAL WORK UNIT (HONG KONG/WEST KOWLOON)	5-8523114
CENTRAL AND ISLANDS FIELD UNIT	5-8523126
WESTERN DISTRICT FAMILY SERVICES CENTRE	5-8523125
CENTRAL AND WESTERN PROBATION OFFICE	5-8523100

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CUSTOMS GETS NEW OFFICE ACCOMMODATION

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THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS AND SOME OF ITS OFFICES WILL MOVE TO NEW PREMISES IN HARBOUR BUILDING, 38 PIER ROAD, CENTRAL, WITH EFFECT FROM SEPTEMBER 9.

THE OFFICES ARE DEPARTMENTAL HEADQUARTERS AND DIRECTORATE OFFICES; SERVICE HEADQUARTERS; HONG KONG ISLAND REGION OF CUSTOMS AND EXCISE SERVICE; TRADE INVESTIGATION BUREAU; TRADING STANDARDS INVESTIGATION BUREAU; TRADE CONTROLS ADMINISTRATION AND TRAINING; DUTIABLE COMMODITIES DIVISION-OFFICE; AND HONG KONG COLLECTION OFFICE.

GENERAL ENQUIRIES SHOULD BE MADE ON TELEPHONE 5-8523324.

FROM THE SAME DATE THE LODGING OF TRADE DECLARATIONS BY POST SHOULD BE SENT TO 38 PIER ROAD, EIGHTH FLOOR, HARBOUR BUILDING, CENTRAL, INSTEAD OF THE HONG KONG TRADE CENTRE ADDRESS.

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FREE BALLET FOR DISTRICT RESIDENTS

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SOUTHERN DISTRICT RESIDENTS WILL BE ABLE TO ENJOY A FREE BALLET PERFORMANCE BY THE HONG KONG BALLET COMPANY NEXT MONTH.

THE SHOW, ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT'S ARTS AND CULTURE ASSOCIATION AND SPONSORED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD, WILL BE HELD ON SEPTEMBER 14 (SATURDAY) AT 7.30 PM IN THE SCHOOL HALL OF THE YU CHUN KEUNG MEMORIAL COLLEGE IN POKFULAM.

+BALLET PERFORMANCES AT THE DISTRICT LEVEL ARE RARE, AND A SHOW BY HONG KONG'S ONLY PROFESSIONAL CLASSICAL BALLET COMPANY WILL AROUSE MUCH INTEREST AND ENHANCE ARTISTIC APPRECIATION AMONG LOCAL RESIDENTS,+ A DISTRICT OFFICE SPOKESMAN SAID.

+THE SHOW WILL FEATURE SIX BALLETS, THREE OF WHICH ARE CHOREOGRAPHED BY THE COMPANY'S ARTISTIC DIRECTOR, MR TERRENCE ETHERIDGE,+ HE SAID.

THE PERFORMANCES INCLUDE +SONGS OF LOVE+; AND +SYLVIA PAS DE DEUX+ AND +ACT III DIVERTISSEMENTS: DANCE OF THE THREE GODDESSES, MERCURY PAS DE DEUX+ OF THE FULL LENGTH BALLET +SYLVIA+.

OTHER PERFORMANCES INCLUDE AN ABSTRACT WORK +TOKYO OPUS+; A CHOREOGRAPHIC IMPRESSION OF THE CRUCIFIXION +PIE JESU+; AND A LIGHT-HEARTED SATIRE +QUODLIBET+.

FREE TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE ON A FIRST-COME-FIRST-SERVED BASIS AT THE ARTS AND CULTURE ASSOCIATION'S OFFICE AT LEE CHAK HOUSE, AP LEI CHAU ESTATE, AND THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICE AND ITS BRANCH OFFICES AT WAH FU AND STANLEY.

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MORE SQUASH COURTS IN THE PIPELINE

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SQUASH HAS BECOME AN INCREASINGLY POPULAR SPORT IN HONG KONG, PARTICULARLY AMONG THE YOUNGER GENERATION, DURING RECENT YEARS.

THIS IS REFLECTED IN THE HIGH USAGE RATE OF THE SQUASH COURTS NOW MANAGED BY THE URBAN COUNCIL.

STATISTICS SHOW THAT IN JULY THIS YEAR, THE USAGE RATE OF THE FOUR COURTS AT VICTORIA PARK AND THE THREE COURTS WITH FULL AIR-CONDITIONING AT QUEEN ELIZABETH STADIUM WAS 100 PER CENT.

THIS WAS FOLLOWED BY THE SINGLE COURT IN THE ABERDEEN COMPLEX INDOOR GAMES HALL (99.7 PER CENT), THE FIVE COURTS AT THE KOWLOON TSAI PARK (98 PER CENT) AND THE THREE COURTS AT THE LAI CHI KOK PARK (97.4 PER CENT).

THE THREE SQUASH COURTS WHICH HAVE RECENTLY BEEN OPENED FOR PUBLIC USE AT MORSE PARK ARE ALSO EXPECTED TO BE HEAVILY USED. THEY ARE FULLY AIR CONDITIONED AND ARE EQUIPPED WITH A SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEM TO SUPPLY HOT WATER FOR PLAYERS.

TO CATER FOR THE INCREASING NEED FOR SUCH FACILITIES IN HONG KONG, THE URBAN COUNCIL IS CURRENTLY BUILDING A TWO-STOREY SQUASH CENTRE AT VICTORIA BARRACKS AND AN INDOOR GAMES HALL IN WAN CHAI, NEXT TO THE WAN CHAI TRAINING POOL.

THE SQUASH CENTRE WILL CONSIST OF 18 COURTS, OF WHICH ONE WILL BE USED AS AN EXHIBITION COURT FOR MAJOR TOURNAMENTS. THE EXHIBITION COURT WILL HAVE GLASS WALLS ON THREE SIDES AND A STAND FOR SOME 350 SPECTATORS. THE PROJECT IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED EARLY NEXT YEAR.

AS FOR THE INDOOR GAMES HALL IN WAN CHAI, IT WILL HAVE SEVEN SQUASH COURTS AND AN EXHIBITION COURT WITH A SPECTATOR STAND. THIS PROJECT IS SCHEDULED FOR COMPLETION BY EARLY 1987.

IN ADDITION, A NUMBER OF SQUASH COURTS WILL ALSO BE INCORPORATED IN THE INDOOR GAMES HALLS AND SPORTS GROUNDS NOW UNDER CONSTRUCTION AT KOWLOON BAY, TO KWA WAN, BOUNDARY STREET, HIU KWONG STREET AND HAMMER HILL ROAD.

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KWUN TONG WATER CUT

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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO A WIDE AREA OF KWUN TONG WILL BE TURNED OFF FROM 9 PM ON WEDNESDAY (SEPTEMBER 4) TO 7 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY FOR MAINS WORK.

THE AFFECTED AREAS COMPRISE ALL VILLAGES AND PREMISES ALONG SHUN ON ROAD, LEE ON ROAD, SHUN KING STREET, SHUN CHING STREET, NGAU CHI WAN STREET, FUNG SHING STREET (FROM PING TIN ROAD TO NEW CLEAR WATER BAY ROAD), JATS INCLINE, HONG NING ROAD (FROM HIP WO STREET TO KUNG LOK ROAD), KUNG LOK ROAD, HONG LEE ROAD, ON SHIN ROAD, ON TAK ROAD, CHUN WAH ROAD, HIP WO STREET (FROM SHUN LEE TSUEN ROAD TO HIU KWONG STREET) AND HIU KWONG STREET (FROM HIP WO STREET TO SAU MAU PING ROAD).

ALSO AFFECTED WILL BE PREMISES ON SAU MAU PING ROAD (FROM SHUN LEE TSUEN ROAD TO HIU KWONG STREET), PO LAM ROAD (FROM MA YAU TONG TO RENNIE'S MILL), CLEAR WATER BAY ROAD (FROM HIRAM'S HIGHWAY TO TAI O MUN) AND HIRAM'S HIGHWAY (FROM CLEAR WATER BAY ROAD TO HO CHUNG).

THE HOUSING ESTATES OF UPPER NGAU TAU KOK (BLOCKS 1-5 AND BLOCKS 9-12), LOK WAH (PHASES I, II AND III), SAU MAU PING (BLOCKS 1-17, BLOCKS 32-40 AND BLOCKS 42-45), CHOI WAN, SHUN LEE, SHUN TIN, SHUN ON AS WELL AS MA YAU TONG, RENNIE'S MILL AND MARINA COVE ARE WITHIN THE BOUNDARY OF THE AFFECTED AREA.

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